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April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Indigenous Health Equity project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS), located at 1111 W. 17th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74107. Project location is at the Tahlequah campus, which is located at 19500 E. Ross Street, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464.

The funding would be used to establish the Center for Indigenous Health Equity, Bioinformatics, and Innovation. This new Center will be located at OSU-CHS' new medical school in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and will focus on understanding structural inequities that impede Native populations from living healthier lives, accessing healthcare, and pursuing medicine as a career. The center would develop a computational infrastructure to conduct large scale data analytics to predict health trends and prevent disease, along with producing actionable policy recommendations to improve the health of Native populations and strengthen the American Indian physician pipeline. OSU-CHS is a leader in training American Indian physicians and in indigenous health research, and I strongly support this request.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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